

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of:

Gérard LANG et al.

Rule 53(b) Continuation Application of
Application No.: 09/600,133

Filed: April 19, 2004

For: KERATINOUS FIBRE OXIDATION DYEING
COMPOSITION CONTAINING A LACCASE
AND DYEING METHOD USING SAME

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the claims as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper on page 12.